



Great Basin Team 4

Type 2 Incident Management Team

Berry Fire Update

Saturday, 27 August 2016

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<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4954/>

Start Date	Cause	Size	Helicopters	Engines	Crews	Total Personnel
July 25	Lightning	12,378 acres	5	18	6	351

Summary: Since its discovery, Grand Teton National Park has been actively managing the Berry Fire for ecological benefits. The fire originated in the northern portion of the park, near Berry and Owl Creeks on the west side of Jackson Lake. Extreme fire behavior as a result of high winds and low relative humidity on Monday, August 22 pushed the fire across Jackson Lake and into the Teton Wilderness on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 2 Great Basin Incident Management Team took command of the fire on August 24th.

Closures: Highway 89/191/287 will remain temporarily closed between the South Gate of Yellowstone National Park and Leeks Marina to ensure the safety of firefighters and the public. The road is not expected to open this weekend. Fire crews are working diligently to make the highway safe for travel. Right now, even firefighter traffic is limited through the area. Once it is safe to reopen the road, announcements will be made.

While Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and Bridger Teton National Forest all have area closures in effect, both National Parks are open to visitors. This includes Leeks Marina and most visitor destinations and services. Travel times to Yellowstone may be increased depending on planned routes. Check before you go. And please drive carefully, with lights on, due to both visibility concerns from smoke and increased vehicle numbers.

Current Situation: A moist airmass allowed firefighters an opportunity to make progress on fireline in the Highway 89/191/287 corridor. Today, however, may pose more of a challenge. Forecasted winds in addition to higher temperatures and lower humidity have led to a Red Flag Warning, an indicator to firefighters of extreme fire weather conditions. More smoke may be visible from the fire today.

Fire personnel are working along the highway to extinguish any hot spots and also to cut down any trees that pose a hazard to firefighters or future traffic on the roadway. On the west side of Jackson Lake, firefighters continue to closely monitor the fire's progress as it plays its natural role in a fire-adapted ecosystem.

A fire camp has been established to support the firefighters working the Berry Fire. It is located off of Highway 191. Travelers should be cautious, particularly in the morning and evening, as a high volume of vehicles will be entering and exiting from the roadway.

For more information: Follow Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest on social media: @GrandTetonNPS and @BridgerTetonNF on both Facebook and Twitter. Information on other fires in western Wyoming is available at www.TetonFires.com. And information on fires burning in eastern Idaho can be found at www.IdahoFireInfo.com, or by filtering Idaho incidents on InciWeb.



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